

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EVANSVILLE CITY/VANDERBURGH COUNTY
CENTRAL DISPATCH

CENTRAL DISPATCH CONFERENCE ROOM

April 26, 2012
8:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 24, 2012
Executive Committee: 8:00 a.m.
Full Board: 8:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Police Chief Billy Bolin
Evansville Fire Department Battalion Chief Cliff Weaver
Sheriff Eric Williams
Suburban Fire Representative Keith Kahre
County Commission Appointee Jo Anne Smith
Mayoral Representative Christine Keck
City Council Representative Missy Mosby
Director Rodney Buchanan
Attorney Jean Blanton

Absent:

EMA Director Sherman Greer
County Council Appointee John Engelbrecht

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of March 22nd, 2012, made by Mayoral Representative Keck and seconded by County Commission Appointee Smith. Motion carried.

Central Dispatch Report

Employee/Applicant Update:

Director Buchanan reported that two of the three new employees are on track with their dispatch training and one is participating in remedial practice along with working a position in operations. They are all rotating shifts, taking calls, and working each position, while being evaluated by the dispatcher they sit with. Two fulltime employees are currently serving a 15-day suspension.

Communications Upgrade Committee:

Members of the Communications Upgrade Committee met approximately three weeks ago and received from Harris-AMK a timeline/price option sheet with four options for the radio upgrade. At this time, leasing seems to be the preferred option. Sheriff Williams would like a CAD activity analysis for the past five years in order to track comparative growth trends by month and year.

Statistics:

Included in the packets.

Other Business:

Director Buchanan reported that effective July 1, 2012, the funds generated by phone use will change. Both wireless and landline phones will incur a 90 cent surcharge, while prepaid devices will be charged 50 cents. Instead of being divided into two accounts, all phone surcharges will be deposited into one joint account. The state has asked each county to submit the average phone revenue received for the past three years, and they have guaranteed they will receive no less than that amount in the future.

The Emergency Management Agency is moving their headquarters to the second floor of the jail. By doing this, they will be housed in a county-owned, secure location with 24-hour services. Three dispatch consoles will also be installed in the office for use if Central Dispatch is not operational for some reason. An architect has been contracted to draw plans and determine the cost of the move.

In order to meet FAA regulations, the main runway at the airport must be relocated. This will affect dispatch procedures and responding agencies, due to the long-term road closings, detours, etc. There will be a meeting in the near future to work out procedures during the construction time, and determine what permanent response changes might need to be made.

Miscellaneous:

Director Buchanan stated a severe weather notification distribution list has been prepared so that when the National Weather Service issues weather alerts, department heads and others on the list will be contacted by dispatch. It has not been formally initiated yet.

Mr. Buchanan attended the Traveling City Hall meeting this week. No complaints or concerns were noted. He will be out of town during the week of May 7th. Any issues during his absence may be directed to Deputy Director Buckman.

Approval of Claims:

Motion to approve submitted claims made by City Council Representative Mosby and seconded by Suburban Fire Representative Kahre. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: May 24, 2012.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Coates

Copies to:

Billy Bolin

Eric Williams

Missy Mosby

Keith Kahre

Dave Wedding

Rodney Buchanan

Steve Schaefer

Chris Pugh

Christine Keck

Leslie Buckman

Jo Anne Smith

Adam Groupe

Ella Johnson-Watson

Kevin Bayer

Mike Connelly

Sherman Greer

John Engelbrecht

Andy Chandler

Paul Anslinger

Lloyd Winnecke

Russell Lloyd, Jr.